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11 PEOPLE TO LIVE CHAINED TO DOGHOUSES IN ATLANTA'S PIEDMONT PARK JUNE 30-JULY 1

**Non-profit Dogs Deserve Better presents Atlanta event as
kick off to nationwide rally for freedom for chained dogs**

Tipton, PA — June 20, 2007 — Dogs Deserve Better, a national nonprofit working to end the suffering endured by dogs who are kept chained or penned for life, announced today that 11 people will chain themselves to doghouses in Atlanta's Piedmont Park from June 30 to July 1 as part of the organization's "Chain Off 2007" event, entitled "Unchain the 50."

Dogs Deserve Better has held its annual "Chain Off" around the July 4 holiday for the last 5 years in order to raise awareness about a practice that is still widely accepted, but increasingly recognized as one of the worst forms of abuse to which a dog can be subjected: keeping it chained or penned for its entire life.

"Unchain the 50" kicks off June 30 in Atlanta and in Redmond, Washington, with 36 satellite "Chain Offs" running through July 8th. 75 participants will chain themselves to doghouses – some in their own yards – in 28 states in the United States and Canada to stand against the practice of continual chaining.

"Living chained to a doghouse for 24 hours will be grueling and unimaginable for those of us who are so used to coming and going as we please," said Susan Hartland, organizer of the Atlanta and Seattle events and a Dogs Deserve Better area representative. "But the discomfort we will endure is nothing compared to the daily suffering of many of our nation's dogs who spend their entire lives at the end of a chain, living in a small patch of mud, their chains wrapped around a tree, baking in the summer sun or freezing in the winter."

Last year, California became the first state in the country to pass a statewide law specifically limiting the amount of time a dog may be tethered to a stationary object. Over 100 local governments across the United States have passed legislation in recent years that either bans or limits how long a dog may be chained, recognizing that existing animal welfare laws are outdated and that dogs are intelligent, social, active animals that suffer greatly if kept chained or penned for their lives.

Dogs Deserve Better founder Tammy S. Grimes will travel from Pennsylvania to live chained in Atlanta for 28 hours, along with representatives from Georgia, Illinois, South Carolina, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, and Vermont.

The event will feature educational booths and anti-chaining merchandise, plus Training Demos by Angie Woods, the Atlanta Dog Whisperer, on Sat. 2pm; Helen Sutton, Tellington Touch Practitioner, on Sun. 1pm; and Patrick Palughi, Ain't Misbehavin' Dog Training, on Sun. 2pm.

To read more, visit the site at <http://www.dogsdeservebetter.org/chainoff2007.html>.

Where: Atlanta's Piedmont Park

400 Park Drive NE, near the off-leash dog park, located north of the meadow, on the East Side of the park by Monroe Drive, North of the Park Drive underpass.

When: Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1, 2007, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Dogs Deserve Better (www.dogsdeservebetter.org) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization headquartered in Tipton, Pennsylvania, is the 2003 First Place Winner of the ASPCA Pet Protector Award, and currently has over 150 area reps in 38 states as well as in Canada and France.